

Please add the following new claims:

1 23. (New) The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein said
2 portion of said coupling region is substantially U-shaped.

1 24. (New) The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said U-
2 shaped portion lies substantially in a plane and is
3 disposed to be deflected along a direction perpendicular to
4 said plane.

1 25. (New) The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein said
2 portion of said coupling region is substantially U-shaped.

1 26. (New) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein said U-
2 shaped portion lies substantially in a plane and is
3 disposed to be deflected along a direction perpendicular to
4 said plane.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, and 9 have been cancelled in order to be presented in companion Application No. 10/247,738. The remaining claims have been amended accordingly, and new Claims 23-26 have been added. As a result, Claims 4-5, 7-8, and 10-26 are pending.